

PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 28th January 2019

Present

Councillors K Bray (KB), J Cowell (JC), J Davenport (JD), K Davies (KD), P Hawker (PH), A Mawby (AM), M Skittery (MS), S Swaithe (SS), E Thompson (ET) and M Tristram (MTr)

In Attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk
Cllr Barry Durkin - Herefordshire Council Cabinet Member for Highways
Clive Hall – Acting Assistant Director Highways Herefordshire Council

Members of the Public: 26

The Chairman Cllr Bray welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs I Pritchard and M Thwaithe (other commitments) and Three Crosses Ward Cllr Lester (illness)

2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Davies expressed an interest in agenda item 8.1 planning application 184486 as he owns a similar business.

Cllr Cowell expressed an interest in agenda item 8.1 planning application 184082 as she owns some adjacent land.

3. Councillor Vacancies – To Note Councillor Vacancies and To Receive any Nominations for Co-Option

No co-options.

RESOLUTION / ACTION:

The clerk reminded councillors that there remains two vacancies on the parish council, one for Aylton and one for Pixley, both of which can be filled by co-option.

4. To Consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 26th November 2018

RESOLUTION: The minutes of the parish council meeting having previously been circulated were AGREED and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Guest Speakers – Cllr Barry Durkin and Clive Hall – on A4172 speed review

Following surveys and site meetings that took place at the beginning of 2018 Clive Hall gave a powerpoint presentation about the A4172 concerns (attached). Residents present once again expressed their concerns that the speeds of vehicles travelling the A4172 exceeded the National Speed Limit of 60mph and there have been a number of accidents and near misses that Herefordshire Council were not aware of. Also concerns were expressed about achieving a safe entry or exit onto/off from the increasing number of entrances along the A4172. Mr Hall advised that he had spoken to Gloucestershire County Council but they had no follow up data to evidence the success of their reduction in speed limit to 50mph.

The proposed solution of Herefordshire Council to reduce speeds along the A4172 is to undertake engineering measures to have a positive effect on the speed of vehicles by enhancing the signing and lining on the road, and to put more hatching and red tarmac at the Little Marcle Crossroads. Mr Hall would not consider the residents preferred option of reducing the speed limit to 50mph, even when confirming that this would be a lesser cost to Herefordshire Council than the engineering measures. Residents advised that by putting more road markings at Little Marcle would not solve the problem but just result in moving the instances of unsafe overtaking along the road towards Aylton. Mr Hall confirmed that the double white lines on the crests at Little Marcle and Aylton would be reviewed as it was felt that the legal safe forward visibility requirements were not currently being met. He would also consider hidden dip signs for the A4172. When Mr Hall was challenged as to what effect the current red tarmac road treatments had had on reducing speeds of vehicles and unsafe overtaking he had not got any proof but advised that he would forward this evidence to the clerk. He finished by advising that the concerns raised by residents would be considered before he submitted his report and recommendation to Cllr Durkin which should be within a few weeks.

Cllr Durkin observed the above presentation and only spoke briefly to advise that he had noted the depth of concern of residents and the parish council but would not comment further.

N.B. Cllr Mawby and 20 residents left the meeting at this point.

6. To Receive a Brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor, Mr Jonathan Lester

None. Ward Cllr Lester had forwarded his apologies.

7. Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council

Residents still present expressed their concerns and objections to planning application 184486 below.

8. Planning:

8.1 To Consider Planning Applications for comment:

184486- Land off Roman Road, Newbridge, Aylton, Ledbury, Herefordshire

Proposed 6 holiday lodges with new access

PC Comment: Decision deferred pending site meeting.

184082 – Green Gables, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2PZ

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land for the keeping of animals namely: horses, and rare breed poultry, duck, geese, turkey.

PC Comment: The Parish Council have concerns about the environment and welfare conditions that the animals are being kept in and believe that Herefordshire Council should seek advice from DEFRA and make a site visit. The field is an eyesore visible from the A438 and is having a detrimental effect on adjacent properties. Maintenance of hedges and the use of agricultural fencing rather than high metal barrier fencing would be more appealing. The field access is often churned up resulting in damaged verges and effecting drainage with the result of water pooling on the A438 during heavy storms endangering road users.

8.2 To Note Details of Decision Notices Received from Herefordshire Council

Noted.

N.B. 5 residents left the meeting at this point.

9. Pixley and District Neighbourhood Development Plan

9.1 To Receive an Update on the NDP

The NDP is still at the examination stage.

10. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:

10.1 To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

Reviewed and updated.

10.2 To Consider Defibrillator Maintenance Contract

RESOLUTION / ACTION: It was AGREED that the clerk arrange a annual maintenance contract at a cost of £119 + VAT to ensure that the equipment was kept in working order should it ever be required.

11. Highways/Footpaths:

11.1 To Receive Update ref. A4172 Speed (if any)

As above.

11.2 To Receive Report from Footpath Officer(s)

Cllr Thwaites had given her apologies but advised that there are no problems she is aware of.

11.3 To Discuss Grit Bins

The clerk has ordered two grit bins, one for Little Marcle Lane near Brook Farm and one for Haywood Lane Munsley. It will be the responsibility of the parish council to fill them with grit/salt.

11.4 To Receive any New Highway Defects

RESOLUTION / ACTION: The clerk will chase Balfour Beatty about the clearing of the ditch and drain by Little Marcle Post Office. She will also chase verge markers for Munsley Lane and outside Munsley WI Hall.

11.5 To Confirm and Decide any Jobs for the Lengthsman / Locality Steward

A stile is required off Aylton Court Road and brambles cleared from footpath AL2.

RESOLUTION / ACTION: As the landowner is not known the clerk will ask Balfour Beatty to pursue.

12. Finance / Governance:

12.1 To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances

Noted. Bank balances as at 1.1.19 current account £9387.70 reserve account £2812.89.

12.2 To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts

000465: Autela Group Ltd – payroll services Q3 - £46.80
 000466: HALC – annual website hosting fee - £66.00
 000467: J Chester – clerk Salary as agreed plus expenses £3.45 Dec/Jan
 000468: HMRC – PAYE Dec/Jan - £24.60
 000469: DJN Planning Ltd – NDP support - £200.00

RESOLUTION / ACTION: All payments AGREED.

It was reported that the cheque previously made out for Munsley WI Hall hire had been accidentally

destroyed and a replacement cheque was requested. This was agreed and the clerk will arrange for a replacement cheque at the next meeting and also stop the original with the bank.

13. Reports: To Receive any Reports from Meetings Attended

Cllr Davies attended Herefordshire Council Parish Summit on 24th January. It was well attended but primarily focused on social housing so not felt relevant to this parish council.
Cllr Tristram attended HALC "In the Hot Seat" training course in December

14. Training: To Note any forthcoming training dates

HALC Training Diary Dates – have been circulated.

Defibrillator Training Evening – to be held jointly with Eastnor Parish Council at Eastnor Cricket Pavilion on Feb 4th at 7.30pm

15. To Raise Items for Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no discussion)

- NDP
- A4172 Report

16. To Note Date of Next Meeting – Monday 25th March 2019

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.25pm.

Signed:.....
Chairman

Dated:.....

INFORMATION SHEET

DATES OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS – (all held at Munsley WI Hall at 7.30pm unless advised otherwise)
2019 - Monday 25th March, Monday 13th May (TBC)

PARISH CLERK UPDATE

- Road defects reported to Locality Steward / Herefordshire Council via website
- New Website now live – <https://pixleyanddistrictpc.org.uk>
- NDP Support work undertaken and Examination documents submitted to Herefordshire Council
- Website updated
- 2019/2020 Precept of £8580 requested and agreed
- Old PC website taken down
- Defib Maintenance Contract investigated
- Grit Bins purchased and grit ordered from Balfour Beatty
- A4172 report chased again
- Crime Prevention evening arranged – 22nd November
- Defibrillator training evening arranged for 4th February 2019
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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (* Circulated to Cllrs.)

- Balfour Beatty – Weekly Locality briefings *
- Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closures Dec & Jan *
- Balfour Beatty – Storesbrook Bridge road closures *
- Herefordshire Rural Hub – Dec & Nov newsletters *
- Herefordshire Council – Invitation to Parish Council Summit 24th January *
- Herefordshire Council – Community Champion Awards 2019 *
- Herefordshire Council – Herefordshire Now *
- Herefordshire Council – Transport Package *
- Herefordshire Council – Christmas Waste collections *

- Herefordshire Council – Hereford Area Plan Housing & Employment Sites Consultation Results *
- Herefordshire Council – Enterprise Zone Local Development Order Consultation *
- Herefordshire Council – Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation *
- Herefordshire Council – Cabinet Update 19th December *
- HALC – Information Corner *
- HALC – Training Diary *
- HALC – Malvern Hills AONB Newsletter *

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS - These are the consolidated actions outstanding after the last meeting:-

July 18	3	All cllrs	ongoing	Spread the word about Cllr vacancies (1 Aylton 1 Pixley)
Oct 18	7.2	Clerk	Ongoing	Monitor Condition applied to 182203 Newbridge Farm for footpath diversion
Nov 18	9.3	Clerk	ongoing	Contact Safer Roads Partnership re road safety funding initiatives
Nov 18	9.5	Clerk/KB	ongoing	Collect Notice Board from The Nest to check if it can be repaired
Nov 18	9.5	Clerk	Complete	Arrange for "old" parish council website to be taken down
Nov 18	10.2	Clerk	Ongoing	Speak to lengthsman about incomplete work
Nov 18	10.3	Clerk	Complete	Forward email evidence of defects not being repaired
Nov 18	10.4	Clerk	ongoing	Purchase two grit bins, report damaged bins and order salt
Nov 10	10.5	Clerk	Ongoing	Re report drains at Little Marcle Xroads and request verge markers for Munsley Lane

PLANNING RECORD – (last six months)

JULY 2018 **181806 - Yew Tree Farm, Aylton, HR8 2RQ** Proposed conversion of attached former cider mill and dairy to domestic accommodation. Remedial works and installation of new bathrooms. **The Parish Council have no objections**

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION -

July 2018 **182203 - Newbridge Farm Park, Newbridge Farm, Aylton, HR8 2QG** Proposed extension to hay barn to create new animal display barn **The Parish Council support this application** but wish to ensure that footpath LM4 which runs along through this property is not obstructed by the extension

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION – GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS 6.9.18

September 2018 **182811 Sawpit Orchard, Aylton, HR8 2QH** Proposed steel framed building to include four stables and store. **The Parish Council object to this application in its present form and would require further clarification and details on the below before it could be re-considered**

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION – REFUSED 11.1.19

September 2018 **182933 Pixley House, Pixley HR8 2QB** Variation of condition 4 (MH97/0627) Ancillary accommodation over garage. Vary to allow for third party occupation. **The Parish Council support this application.**

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION – GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS 1.11.18